



## Derbyshire Safe Place Scheme - Details of the Scheme

**DO YOU WANT TO HELP US KEEP DERBYSHIRE SAFE?**

**IF SO, DO YOU WANT TO BECOME A DERBYSHIRE SAFE PLACE?**

The Derbyshire Safe Place Scheme began in October 2009 as part of the Hate Crime and Keeping Safe Project run by Derbyshire County Council. It is supported by MacIntyre, Derbyshire Constabulary, Trading Standards and the Derbyshire Learning Disability Partnership Board.

Originally the Safe Place Scheme aimed to stop bullying and abuse of people with learning disabilities and help people feel safe and confident when out and about in Derbyshire. In 2018 due to the continued success of Safe Places we decided to expand the scheme further. It is now available to **all adults** and helps to increase independence and reduce loneliness and isolation. We also listened to parent/carers and have also reduced the age range to 16 years for people with a learning disability.

### How does the Derbyshire Safe Place Scheme work?

The Derbyshire Safe Place Scheme means that within a town or community there are identified places where people can go if they feel unwell, confused, threatened or are in trouble while out and about. These identified places can be anywhere, but they could be libraries, shops or council buildings. Stickers, similar to the one at the top of this page, are placed in windows to help identify the safe place.

Every adult in Derbyshire should be given the opportunity to carry a Keep Safe Card (from 16 years for those with Learning Disabilities). The card will have their name on it, and emergency contact details of the person who they would want to be told if they need help. If a person with a learning disability is out and about and needs assistance then they can take this card to a safe place to ask for help.



Applications from individuals who want to carry a Keep Safe Card can be made by completing our online form at [www.derbyshire.gov.uk/keepsafecard](http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/keepsafecard) or by contacting the Project Lead whose details are at the end of this document.

Organisations / Businesses taking part in the Safe Place Scheme are requested to provide a temporary place of safety. It is not likely that these Organisations / Businesses will have to make many calls for help but should a person require assistance it is requested that support is provided and contact is made either to the emergency contact identified on the Keep Safe Card or with emergency services (for example, Police or Ambulance), whichever is most appropriate.

People within Derbyshire have identified hate crime and keeping safe as a priority in their lives.

## How to join the Derbyshire Safe Place Scheme?

Organisations / Businesses willing to become a Safe Place are asked to:-

- Read the Roles of Partners document (included in this pack) and confirm that they can fulfil these roles.
- Complete and sign an application form / declaration (included in this pack).
- Return both documents to the Project Lead whose details are at the end of this document.

Upon receipt of both documents a Safe Place check will be undertaken to ensure the Safe Place meets some simple standards. These are detailed within the Roles of Partners document. These checks may be carried out on an annual basis to ensure places remain safe.

Once a Safe Place check has been undertaken satisfactorily, staff information / awareness raising will be provided and a Safe Place sticker will be issued for display in a prominent window or door. Details of the Organisation / Business will also be placed on a Safe Place Register. The Safe Place Register is accessed by the public via the website and contains names and addresses of all designated Safe Places across Derbyshire.

For any questions or further details about the Derbyshire Safe Place Scheme, go to our website, [www.derbyshire.gov.uk/safeplace](http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/safeplace), or contact the Project Lead:-

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